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FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MEXICO

USMISSION GENEVA

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SUBJ: HONDURAS PARTICIPATION IN MTN

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1. EMBOFF TOOK OPPORTUNITY DURING CALL OF BENJAMIN VILLANUEVA, HONDURAS ECONMIN, ON AMBASSADOR JARAMILLO TO REITERATE MAIN POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL A AND TO PROBE FOR INTEREST IN A WORKING LEVEL MEETING WITH CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES (CACM) AS SUGGESTED REFTEL B. IT WAS NO SURPRISE THAT THE MINISTER WAS VAGUE AND SEEMED TO HAVE ONLY A LIMITED UNDERSTANDING OF THE MTN AND WHAT RESPONSE HONDURAS MIGHT MAKE, IF ANY, TO US OFFERS AND REQUESTS. HE HAS BEEN IN OFFICE LESS THAN THREE MONTHS, AND HIS POORLY-STAFFED MINISTRY IS PREOCCUPIED WITH DIFFICULT DOMESTIC PROBLEMS.

2. VILLANUEVA ACKNOWLEDGED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MTN AND THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEED FOR MEANINGFUL RESPONSES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRY PARTICIPANTS AS CONVEYED IN THE EMBASSY'S REPRESENTATIONS TO HIM AND TO THE FONMIN OVER TWO MONTHS AGO. HE EXPLAINED, HOWEVER, THAT PRESSING DOMESTIC MATTERS HAD THUS FAR PREVENTED DEVELOPMENT OF GOH PROPOSALS. HE SUGGESTED THAT WE FOLLOW UP WITH THE MINISTRY'S DIRECTORATE OF FOREIGN COMMERCE TO WHICH HE HAD REFERRED THE EMBASSY'S COMMUNICATIONS ON THE MTN.

3. REGARDING WORKING LEVEL MEETINGS ON THE MTN AND WITH CACM COUNTRIES, THE MINISTER EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR SUCH MEETINGS, POSSIBLY ORGANIZED THROUGH SIECAU IN GUATEMALA.

4. THE EMBASSY HAS PREPARED A LETTER TO MINECON DRAWING ON REFTTEL A AND WILL FOLLOW IT UP WITH A CALL ON THE FOREIGN COMMERCE DIRECTORATE IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHAT ROLE THE GOH MIGHT BE ABLE TO PLAY IN THE GIVE AND TAKE AT GENEVA.
JARAMILLO

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